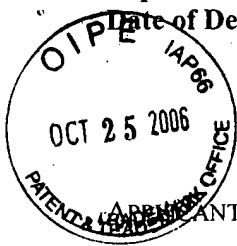


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2006 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. With the three-month extension, these documents are due on or before October 25, 2006.

Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21629-004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.